	Birth Place of—	
	* Suparsnath at Bhadaini	43,29,000/-
	• Parashwnath at Bhelupur	30,84,000/-
	* Shreyansnath at Sarnath	49,35,000/-
Miscellaneous Projects	(i) Archaeological Survey of India for renovation conservation of 60 centrally protected Jain Monuments	13,15,36,000/-
	(ii) Animal Welfare Board of India, Chennai	10,00,00,000/-
	(iii) National Archives of India for Seminar on Jain and Prakrit Studies	3,00,000/-
	(iv) National Register of Jain Manuscripts	1,10,00,000/-

Expenditure incurred on construction of Uday Shankar Natya Kala Academy at Almora

†1200. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure proposed to be incurred on the construction of the Uday Shankar Natya Kala Academy which is under construction at Almora;

(b) the total amount likely to be spent on the above work during the year 2004-05;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed for the completion of the construction of this Academy; and

(d) if so, by when its construction would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Government have in principle agreed to sanction Rs. 500 lakhs for construction of the Uday Shankar Natya Kala Academy. Of this an amount of Rs. 193 lakhs

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

has already been released to the State Government of Uttaranchal. The said amount has been transferred to the CPWD, who have since invited tenders for construction of the Project. The Project is likely to be completed in 24 months after the work is awarded.

Development of infrastructure in NER

1201. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to ensure speedy development of infrastructure in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any specific budgetary allocation for those infrastructure projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) The development of infrastructure in the North Eastern Region (NER) is pursued through the five year plans/annual plans of the State Governments/Union Ministries/North Eastern Council. In addition, the Union Government has constituted a Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) out of the unspent balance from 10% of Gross Budgetary Support of Union Ministries/Departments earmarked for the North East. The objective of NLCPR is to fund specific projects for the development of socio-economic infrastructure in the North Eastern Region.

(b) The details of NLCPR are available on website *www.northeast.nic.in*.

(c) Yes, Sir..

(d) The budget allocation under the scheme of NLCPR for 2003-04 was Rs. 550.00 crores.

Functioning of N.E.C.

1202. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the relation between DONER and N.E.C;

(b) whether NEC. is an independent body or not; and